



MEDIA RELEASE

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Dan Newburn



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Public Information Office

Date: April 15, 2008

Ward-4 5800 Block of E. 28th St

Tuesday April 15, 2008

Dispatch time 1412

On scene time 1417

Under control 1500

Due to high winds this afternoon a fire in one home spread to two others leaving thirteen people homeless. The fire started at the base of a wooden fence between the house and a duplex in the 5800 block of E 28th Street. The fire quickly spread from the fence to the house. With 20 plus mile an hour winds it took firefighters 45 minutes to get this blaze under control.

Estimate of damage: \$250,000.00 to all three homes

Injuries: One man received minor injuries he was treated on scene.

Cause: Accidental

Red Cross: Red Cross was called out due to the number of homes involved. They were on scene assisting with the needs of the displaced residence.

Safety messages:

1. Ensure all smoking material is fully extinguished and placed in proper containers for disposal.
2. With warmer summer weather coming and brush drying out, Tucson Fire Department recommends a 30-foot defensible space between your house and any shrubbery.

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